GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PURCHASE OF WHEAT FROM PUNJAB
JAGMEET SINGH BRAR;SUSHIL KUMAR INDORA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have carried out the maximum purchase of wheat this year from Punjab;

(b) if so, the total quantity of wheat purchased from the Punjab during the last three years and the current year, till date;

(c) whether there is no storage facility for such a large quantity of wheat and rice in the State; and

(d) if so, the details regarding capacity of covered and uncovered godowns in the State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The total quantity of wheat purchased from the Punjab during the last three years and the current year, till date is as under:-

Fig. In lakh M.T.s

1997-98	59.61
1998-99	61.47
1999-2000	78.31
2000-2001 (Current Year as on 31.7.2000)	93.82

(c) FCI have adequate storage capacity (owned and hired/covered and CAP) of 89.85 lakh tonnes against the total stocks of 87.85 lakh tonnes in Punjab region as on 1.7.2000. Storage capacity of FCI increases or decreases depending upon the trend of procurement and off take/sale of foodgrains in the procuring/consuming states. FCI creates additional storage capacity by hiring storage capacity from the various agencies like CWC/SWC/State Government and private parties

(d) The details of storage capacity available with FCI in Punjab Region as on 1.7.2000 is as under :-

Fig. In lakh tonnes

Agency	Covered	CAP	Total
FCI Owned	21.77	4.95	26.72
Hired from			
(a) State Govt.	7.32	-	7.32
(b) CWC	4.10	-	4.10
(c) SWC	14.36	-	14.36
(d) Private parties	15.59	21.76	37.35

Total	63.14	26.71	89.85

In addition to this, the State Government and its Agencies also have a storage capacity of 133.43 lakh tonnes against a stock of 99.73 lakh tonnes as on 31.7.2000.